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President's Message

Hello everybody:

Well, it looks like the predicted second wave of Covid-19 is almost upon us. I wish I am wrong. This could be another long winter. There could be plenty of time to write about your favorite wood, for the benefit of your fellow club members!

Speaking of members, we welcome Harley Bissell, from Indiana and Vic Agha, also a neighbor from the south. Vic is already proposing to write a series of articles about the different woods used in the fabrication of our wooden money and tokens. This series will debut in November.

We also wish a prompt recovery to Russell Brown, a CAWMC long-time member and former Governor, who is presently hospitalized.

Norm Belsten advises that the 2020 supplement to the wood catalogue is complete and available as a download for \$5.00 or on disk at \$7.00 including postage. Members can contact Norm at nbelsten@sympatico.ca or N Belsten 86 Hamilton Dr. Newmarket ON. L3Y 3E8 or 905 868 9187.

In my recent article on history and collecting of wooden money I made a couple of mistakes. "Beetle-Killed Fir" is to be replaced by "Beetle-Killed Pine". (We still do not know if beetles like fir, we hope not!) And I misspelled "Tenino WA". *Mea Culpa*. The corrected article should be sent to you as an attachment to this newsletter or later in the month. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Don't forget about our "Thank you for your contribution" award program, detailed in the September issue of Timber Talk.

Stay safe, take care of yourself and of your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

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5th Avenue Coins-Rick and Karen 2015

Featured Wood of the Month of October 2020



5th Avenue Coins

5th Avenue Coins started in 2005 on 5th Avenue in Chesley Ontario as a side-hustle for Rick Dupuis.

Dupuis wanted to fund his coin collecting habit without spending any money out-of-pocket for it. Buying up entire coin collections and re-packaging the coins into smaller units and retailing on Ebay was the method of commerce for the first few years. 5th Avenue Coins later became a full-time business.

Changes in Dupuis' personal life put the business on hold for a short time only to be re-kindled back to full time again.

This time, a store-front in Hanover was sought out. Rather than have a large capital outlay and commitment of added overhead, Dupuis with his wife Karen decided to locate the business at the Hanover Flea Market.

Starting as a few weekends of testing turned into a few months. Then "just until Christmas" and it continued for over two-and-a-half years!

In January of 2020 the Dupuis' decided to close shop due to a sharp decline in foot traffic at the market. The shop was finally closed the end of February just about 3 weeks prior to a pandemic shutting down the world toward the end of March!

In May when commerce began to open, the Dupuis' decided to concentrate more on the whole-sale end of the numismatic business as retailing face-to-face became very challenging.

There are plans to locate to another market soon and to participate in numismatic shows once the grip of Covid-19 no longer threatens our society.

Rick Dupuis



Anniversary Wood



Back in 2010, I found myself single again after my 15-year marriage ended. For most, that is a sad story. Not for myself as I began to date again!

I met quite a few great ladies, but ONE really struck my fancy. Her name is Karen, and we knew from the first coffee date that we should continue to see what would come of this, and we started to date exclusively.

After about a year we moved in together, and in seeing that we were indeed compatible, we were married in our local church on the VERY day that we met five years previously. September 11, 2020 marked our 5th anniversary of marriage and it will be the 10th year of being together.

I have been collecting coins since the age of about seven. In that time, I have been both a hobbyist and a businessman in numismatics. Initially, I would go to various coin shows on my own and pick up a few “woods” for my wife as she really wasn’t interested in “collecting coins” herself. When she developed an interest in collecting woods, I got her an initial membership in CAWMC. She took to it as a duck takes to water! She now (before Covid-19 pandemic) attends shows with me regularly and she looks forward to various conventions so that she can meet with some of the other members of CAWMC to “talk shop” and enjoy fellowship. She is always on the lookout to add to her collection and she looks through collections of numismatics that I obtain regularly.

It was her idea to have a wood made for our 5th anniversary. I contacted our numismatic friend Sean Sinclair and he made the wood for us. On the obverse has Rick & Karen Est 2015 and on the reverse is a promotional piece for our business.

Plans are underway to have additional milestone woods made over time.

Rick Dupuis



COLLECTING WOODEN MONEY WITHIN REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

A CATALOGUE DILEMMA

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What wooden tokens and souvenirs do we collect?

Although I collect woods from all of Canada many collectors collect woods from their province of residence or birth. Some even restrict their collection to woods from a particular city. Other collectors collect personal or coin show woods. The choice is yours. Collect what interests you and enjoy the hobby. Recently I was given a wood sold and used by Joey's Only Seafood locations, in Western Canada and Ontario. The headquarters of Joey's Only is Calgary and the wood will be listed as a Calgary wood and will not be included in any other location it is used as this would be an enormous task to list it under all of the Joey's Only locations in Canada. This wood reveals a situation that exists for collectors who do not collect Canada wide.

Catalogue Listings

Occasionally, if woods are used in more than one location, they are listed in all known locations. For example Trapper Johns is listed in both Winnipeg (6900-028) and in Edmonton (8300-064). However the usual policy is to list them only under the Head Office Location.

Convention woods are usually listed under the home city of the issuer but have occasionally been listed under the convention city. In the past some of the woods issued for a particular convention have been listed under the convention city and some have been listed under the issuer home location. For example 7800-028 and 7800-029 are listed under Regina while other issues for the convention were issued under the issuers location. Look at 4765-016, 4620-030, 031 and 032, 8140-162 through 167 as well as others.

The above policies result in the situation that a listing of woods for any given province might not contain all of the woods that were issued or used in that province.



Additional examples

I wondered if there were any other examples and came up with the following example:

Farm Business Consultants are based in London Ontario but have offices across Canada. The wood was found in Calgary and enough wood were obtained, from the Calgary office, to allow free distribution to all members of CAWMC, at that time. Because the head office in London, Ontario authorized the wood, the wood is listed under London, Ontario.

I discussed the catalogue listing of National issues with Dave Byard of British Columbia and he offered the following examples.

Chevron: Vancouver 9800-044. Dave advises these tokens were given out anywhere there was a large exhibition such as Vancouver and were possibly used in other large Canadian cities.

Smitty's : Vancouver 9800-034 and 170 Dave advises the two woods listed under Vancouver were used province wide. He remembers them used in Penticton.

Note the same wood is also listed under Ottawa 5675-016. I am not aware of any use of this wood in other Smitty's across Canada. I always understood the unnumbered woods were used in Ottawa and the numbered woods were used in Vancouver.

Western Motor Ass'n : Vancouver 9800-036. Used in Vancouver and Seattle and possibly other cities.

Pizza Hut: Dave has a Pizza Hut wood he recalls being used in Penticton in the early 90's. He believes the wood was almost certainly used in many of the restaurants across British Columbia and possibly Alberta as well.

Bonanza Restaurants: Wood listed under Winnipeg 6900-046 1983 and Red Deer 8800-005 1984. Possibly other towns. Dave believes these were used in all of their Restaurants which he remembers included Penticton, Chilliwack, and Vernon.

The above discussion got me to think of Mother Tucker woods. The following woods are listed:

Calgary 8140-093A Calgary shown on the wood.

Calgary 8140-093B No location shown on the wood.

Vancouver 9800-133 Vancouver shown on the wood.

In view of the comments regarding other wood I wonder if the 8140-093B wood was used in any other Mother Tucker's locations.



If you, the reader, can think of other examples please advise me and I will publish them in a follow up article.

Conclusion

Wooden money collectors who only collect wood from a particular province should be aware that some wooden tokens used in that province may be listed as belonging to other provinces. When a collector finds a wood, without a shown location, used by an organization with interprovincial operations including his own province, he should, if possible check the national catalogue to see if it is listed. Once he determines that the wood is known he should attempt to verify the wood was in fact used in his province. At that point I would suggest the collector include the wood as a provincial general issue using the catalogue number, although not from his province, for the wood.

The question of attribution of convention woods issued by collectors attending a convention has been the subject of discussions for numerous years. Some collectors believe these woods form part of the collecting history of the city hosting the convention while others believe they are the domain of the issuer. Cataloguing of these type of woods has been inconsistent over the year with some being listed under the convention city and others issued under the issuer's city. A collector must decide if he wants to include the convention woods in his collection and, if he chooses to do so, he should determine if there are any woods that are listed elsewhere. Recent issues, including catalogue numbers, are usually listed in Timber Talk for the month following the national convention. Older years can be determined by contact-

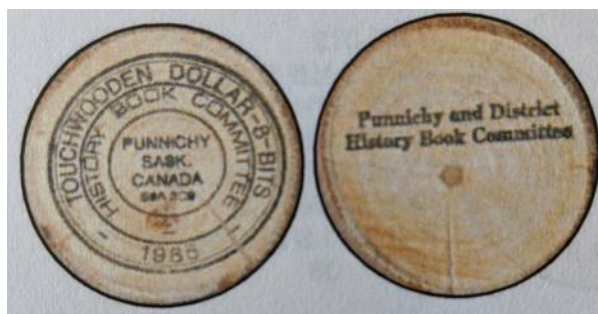
Chips from the Woodpile By Dave Gillspie

The History Book Committee in Punnichy, Saskatchewan with the help of it's volunteers produced and donated to C.A.W.M.C. a quantity of "Touchwooden Dollar - 8 Bits" wooden tokens. The tokens were to accompany one of the 1985 issues of the newsletter.

Do you know how Punnichy got it's name? Or where the word "touchwood" came from?

Well, in the early days and we are talking more than 150 years ago Mr. Wolfe Heubach, was a young man operating a country store several miles north of the present site of Punnichy. He was young with no whiskers and

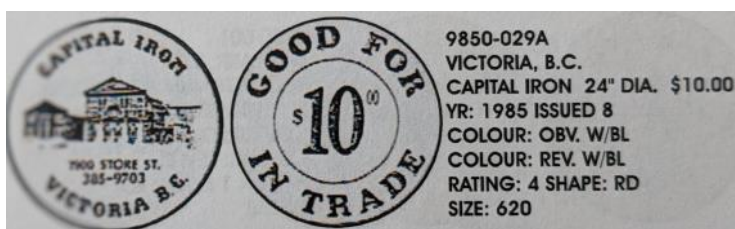
the Indians thought he looked like a young bird before it gets feathers. The Cree Indian word for fledgling is "punnichy" and it became Mr. Heubach's nickname. If you have the wood or have seen the token you will know that it was made from local trees. Before the days of matches the Indians struck stones together to make sparks. When the trees from this area died, the wood, after a time became light and pithy. Just the 'touch' with a spark or flames started it to burn. Native people came to this area to collect wood to start their fires and referred to it as 'touchwood'.



In the same area between 1849 and 1857 the Hudson's Bay Company set up a trading post know as "Touchwood Hills Post".

A second Hudson Bay trading post referred to as "Little Touchwood Hills" followed to the west and operated between 1861 and 1867.

The C.N.A. Convention for 1985 was held in Regina, Sask. and Ron Greene from Victoria unveiled a 24" wood depicting his business, "Capital Iron" which was operating at 1900 Store Street, Victoria. The obverse of the wood advertised the business and on the reverse "Good For \$ 10.00 In Trade". It was reported that the wood was very well made, painted white on both sides with black lettering. You will find it listed in the Canadian catalogue as number 9850-029a. Eight woods were made but only two sold at the C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast auction. This raises a question or two! As the wood was introduced to collectors and attendees of the Breakfast meeting as an auction item what happened to the remaining six woods? Where they put up at auction and not sold? Where they given to friends and/or collectors by Ron Greene? Or does Ron Green still have them? If so, would it be possible that Ron Greene might donate one for a future C.A.W.M.C. auction fundraiser?



The editor at the time, Garry Braunwarth reported that he was one of the successfully bidders and probably still has one of the 24" Capital Iron woods in his collection. Who was the other successful bidder? Since first writing this article, I must let you know that, information has come to me indicating that Gary Braunwarth bought both of the auctioned woods but what about the other six?

Vic Borrow wrote an article that was published in the summer of 1986 advertising for sale "Balsa Flats" that he was producing. The article included guidelines for ordering and a price list. It is interesting that his articles says that he turned down an order from a buyer wanting just 30 flats. Vic wanted orders with a minimum quantity of 100 so as to meet C.A.W.M.C. guidelines. The potential buyer was a non-member and cancelled his order.

The Lakeshore Coin Club celebrated it's 25th Anniversary In 1987 and the Hamilton Coin Club reached the 35th Anniversary mark the same year and commemorated it by issuing a wooden nickel.

Early 1987 also had Al "Digger" Munro reaching out to members for donation/consignment items so that another mail bid auction could be held. The auction included 150 items and through his hard work all items were sold, monies collected and the woods distributed. Most woods sold for between \$1.00 and \$4.00, the highest bid being \$36.05 for "The Bad Boy" wood from Toronto catalogue # 5900-06. Another tidy profit was realized and deposited to the C.A.W.M.C. coffers as a result of Al's work!



And now for another Tom Hudson quiz question:

Who issued a 'One Handshake' wood in 1967 and a 'Two Handshake' wood in 1968 ?

'Til next time Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave

Answer of the Question from September 2020

Q. Mark Mogen of Calgary was responsible for the issue of two different 25th Wedding Anniversary woods. Do you know who they were made for ?

A. Floyd & Irene Mogen (Parents) and Delores & Edgar Massey

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